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Cleveland Municipal School District Appointees to the Board

Rashidah Abdulhaqq:

- Resident of the Cleveland Municipal School District for the last 23 years.
 - Resides in Cleveland
- Attended Cleveland Municipal Schools
 - Graduate of John Hay High
- Is the mother of 12 children; all of her children have attended or currently are attending Cleveland schools.
- School Board reappointment. Previously served as board member and has graciously agreed to continue to serve.
- Rashidah defines the words community involvement. Aside from her daily work as a Community Liaison at the Hunger Network, she spends enormous amounts of time working with our community.

Grady P. Burrows:

- Resident of Cleveland Municipal School District for the last 8 years.
 - Resides in Cleveland
- Is the father of a four-year-old son.
- Currently owns and operates The Burrows Travel Group
- Has demonstrated business management skills with his work at his travel agency, as well as his previous position with National City Corp.
- Received his M.B.A. from Case Western Reserve University and is a member of the Cleveland Chapter of the National Black M.B.A. Association.
- Is actively involved in his community, serves on the Board of Trustees at Mt. Zion United Church of Christ.

Lawrence (Larry) W. Davis:

- Resident of the Cleveland Municipal School District for the last 49 years.
 - Resides in Bratenahl
 - Graduate of Glenville High
- Was a former executive with BP and retired when the company downsized.
- Currently manages his own consulting company, Larry Davis Consulting.
 - Provides permitting and project management-related services.
- Has extensive experience in business management and finance.
 - Has worked analyzing and administering contracts.
 - Has experience monitoring and measuring work with contractors.
- Worked closely with disadvantaged and troubled students as a tutor in the Vocational Informational Program in the Cleveland Municipal Schools.

Louise P. Dempsey:

- Resident of the Cleveland Municipal School District for the last 25 years.
 - Resides in Bratenahl
- Has a son who graduated from Collinwood High School
- School Board reappointment. She previously served as board member and has graciously agreed to continue to serve.
- Louise brings to the board extensive experience in education, business management, and finance.
 - She currently serves as an assistant dean at the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law
 - Provides legal, fund development, and management expertise to a number of boards throughout the community
- Louise has attend academic events, sporting events, concerts, graduation ceremonies for CMSD students.

Sherona Garrett-Ruffin, Ph.D.:

- Resident of the Cleveland Municipal School District for two years.
 - Resides in Cleveland
- Received her bachelor's degree from Oberlin College and her Ph.D. in Neuroscience from Kent State University.
- Currently is a Project Director at the Kent State University Science Learning Community.
- Has extensive involvement and commitment to education.
 - Currently is a volunteer science teacher in the Cleveland area with the Upward Bound Program.
 - Has taught and served in an administrative capacity for educational programs designed for elementary, middle school, high school, and college students.
- Along with her commitment to education, Sherona gives back to her community in other ways.
 - Actively participates in Ward 3 community activities and voter registration efforts.

Andres E. Gonzalez:

- Resident of Cleveland Municipal School District for more than 16 years.
 - Resides in Cleveland
 - Graduate of West Technical High School and a success story of the Bilingual Program.
- Received his bachelor of science degree from Cleveland State University and is currently working towards his master's degree in Education on Community Mental Health Counseling at Cleveland State University.
- Executive Director of the Hispanic UMADAOP (Urban Minority Alcoholism & Drug Abuse Outreach Program, Inc.).
- Active member with the Young Latino Network.
- American Red Cross volunteer.
- Educates community leaders on HIV/AIDS prevention and awareness so they can educate their friends and neighbors.

Margaret (Miggy) Hopkins:

- Resident of Cleveland Municipal School District for the last 15 years.
 - Resides in Cleveland
- Miggy has been actively involved in the Cleveland community for more than 20 years
- School Board reappointment
 - Served as Vice Chair of the CMSD School board for the past five years.
 - Brings extensive knowledge in organizational development.
- Currently a professor in the M.B.A. program at Case Western Reserve University and is pursuing her doctoral degree in Organizational Behavior at there.
- Volunteers at Louisa May Alcott School tutoring a fourth grader to improve her literacy skills.

Willetta A. Milam:

- Native of Cleveland who recently moved home from the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area
- Graduated from the University of Pittsburgh Bradford Campus, with a bachelor of arts degree in Social Sciences.
- Received her juris doctor degree from the Antioch School of Law in Washington, D.C.
- Prior to her return to Cleveland, Willetta worked as a consultant for many companies in the private and public sector in Washington, D.C., Virginia, and Maryland
- Is a product of Cleveland Public Schools, graduate of John Hay High
- Currently has three children in Cleveland Municipal Schools
 - She is president and founder of Help Resources, Inc., a community-based organization that assists in educating people about their legal rights.
- Has been actively involved in education.
- While in Washington, D.C., she was a consultant on special projects for the D.C. Public Schools

Gladys Santiago:

- Resident of Cleveland Municipal School District for more than 40 years.
 - Resides in Cleveland
 - Graduate of Lincoln-West High School
- Currently has one child who attends Cleveland Municipal Schools.
- Works for WIRE-Net, Inc. as a Manager in Fund Development.
- Gladys has extensive experience in education, finance, and business management.
 - Director of the Keys to Excellence for Young Scholars at Tri-C.
 - Prepares and reviews financial statements and has more than 10 years of grant and budget preparation experience
 - Develops and directs administrative policies, procedures, and tools for office and fiscal operations.